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(54) Intraluminal stent device for use in body lumens of various diameters

(57) The present invention is an intraluminal stent device made up of two or more elements 100. Each element has undulations forming peaks and valleys and is formed from a repeating series including a long segment 104, a first midsize segment 118, a short segment 130, and a second midsize segment 142. These elements are aligned on a common axis and are connected directly to an adjacent element by a connection. The stent incorporates the advantages of having both long and short segments into a single element.

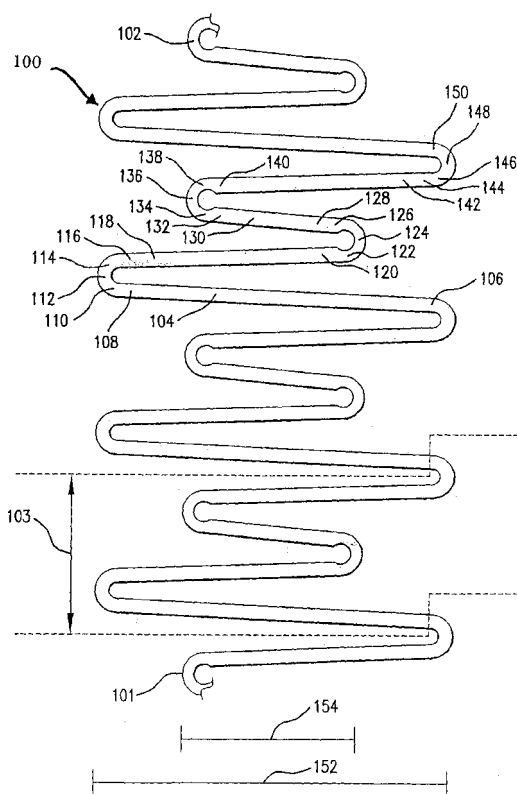


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